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SUBJECT: AFRO-ARAB UNITY

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1. ON NOVEMBER 28 GOZ PRESS AGENCY REPORTED ON MOBUTU ATTENDANCE ALGIER SUMMIT UNDER HEADING "WHY DID HE GO TO ALGIERS? BULK OF REPORT WAS REPRINT OF FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE FROM ALGERIAN DAILY EL MOUDJAHID ENTITLED "AFRIQUE - MONDE ARABE: LA SYMBIOSE". SUMMARY FOLLOWS.

2. MOBUTU IS FIRST NON-ARAB AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN ARAB SUMMIT. HIS PRESENCE MARKS NEW TYPE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES. IT SYMBOLIZES COMMON DESTINY OF ARABS AND AFRICANS, AND CERTAIN VICTORY OVER FORCES WISHING ENSLAVE THEM. WHAT ARABUXAND AFRICA DO TODAY FOR ME AND PALESTINE, THEY MUST DO TOMORROW FOR THOSE AFRICAN PEOPLES STILL UNDER

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COLONIAL RULE. PROBLEMS CREATED BY OIL EMBARGO FOR

INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH ISRAEL FORESHADOW WHAT COMBINZT AFRO-ARAB POWER CAN ACCOMPLISH. GENERAL REDUCTION SUPPLY OF PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS COULD HAVE UNDREAMED OF EFFECT ON INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. NO TELLING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ALUMINUM, COPPER, AND CACAO WERE ADDED TO OIL EMBARGO. AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES ARE ONLY PART OF VAST THIRD WORLD POSSESSING VITAL RAW MATERIALS, AND EXAMPLE ARAB-AFRICAN UNITY MAY BE CONTAGIOUS.

3. COMMENT: GOZ OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SELDOM REPRINTS FOREIGN EDITORIALS. FACT THAT THIS ONE APPEARED PROMINENTLY ON MORNING FOLLOWING MOBUTU'S RETURN FROM ALGIERS SUGGESTS IT MAY REFLECT EMERGING GOZ VIEWS. SAME THEME SUBSEQUENTLY REPEATED ON LOCAL RADIO AND TV NEWS.
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